

**SIX DEVICES PERFECTED
BY MINING ENGINEERS**

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RESCUE APPARATUS IMPROVED

Certain Processes Patented With Purpose of Reducing Cost of Making Radium and Prevent Monopoly.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Washington, May 29.—Engineers of the United States Bureau of Mines have recently perfected six devices, five of which indirectly involve the saving of human life and the sixth the saving from waste of natural resources. In each instance, application has been made for patent in order to retain these devices for the use of the people without the payment of royalty, and to prevent any commercial concern from gaining a monopoly in their manufacture.

Perhaps the most important of the inventions that are to be dedicated to the free use of the people relate to improvements in the rescue apparatus worn by miners following disasters. This apparatus, which supplies oxygen to the rescuer, permits him to enter poisonous gases, and carry on his work a period of two hours in the case of the rescue apparatus. The Bureau of Mines' experience with this oxygen-breathing device, three rescuers have lost their lives, and in each instance it is believed their deaths were due to certain defects in the apparatus. This led to a desperate attempt upon the part of the engineers to construct an apparatus that would be reasonably safe. The engineers found considerable difficulty in the absorption of the poisonous matter of the breath in the apparatus, and also in the reduction of the high pressure oxygen carried in the tanks on the side of the rescuer. Both problems were submitted to William E. Gibbs, consulting engineer of the bureau, and after research covering several months, the solution of both problems is announced. The conditions made for patents. The conditions which are used in the apparatus in taking up the poisonous exhalations of the breath has been so adjusted as to permit a continuous flow of the expired air. A series of successful experiments have already been made upon this device.

NEW TYPE OF VALVE
SOLVES ONE PROBLEM
The second problem—the reduction of the oxygen pressure of 2,000 pounds to the square inch to the proper amount needed by the rescuer—has been accomplished by the invention of a new type of valve. The apparatus at present reduces the oxygen pressure, but supplies the oxygen at a constant rate, no matter how much the rescuer needs. With the new valve, the supply of oxygen is regulated by the demands of the rescuer, and the oxygen goes to waste through a relief valve as in the devices now in use. In making these improvements for safety, Mr. Gibbs has succeeded in reducing the weight of the breathing apparatus fully 40 per cent. The apparatus at present weighs forty pounds, which proves a serious handicap to the rescuer in his work.

A third invention, that of a collapsible mine cage for use in rescue work following a mine disaster. Often the mine cage is so badly shattered by the effect of explosions that it cannot be operated. In such instances, it is claimed, the collapsible cage would save hours of delay in rescue work and perhaps be the means of saving many lives. The designer of this cage is George S. Rice, the chief mining engineer of the Bureau of Mines.

J. W. Paul, engineer in charge of the mine rescue work of the Bureau of Mines, is the inventor of an electrical signaling device for use in shafts, especially following disasters. With this device, a person descending a shaft will be able to signal the hoisting engine. If the man on the cage is overcome and the apparatus falls from his hands, a circuit is immediately closed and a gong in the engine-house gives a sudden warning. Such a device, it is claimed by Mr. Paul, would have been useful at the Cherry mine fire in Illinois several years ago, where so many men lost their lives. The rescue crews there had to subject themselves to unnecessary dangers in descending the wrecked shaft, because of means of signaling. The device is so arranged that in the absence of human intelligence to direct the giving of a prearranged code of signals, the gong on the surface and in the engine-house would ring continuously, which, in every case would be the signal to hoist immediately.

PURPOSE IS TO REDUCE COST OF MAKING RADIUM

The bureau has also applied for a number of patents on processes for extracting vanadium, uranium and radium from ores, such as carnotite ore. These processes are the result of the work of the Denver, Col., laboratory of the Bureau of Mines, and their purpose is to reduce the cost of making radium and to prevent the monopoly which goes with the so-called secret processes. The patents have been asked for in the names of Richard B. Moore, in charge of the Denver laboratory, and Karl Kihl, his assistant. With the great demand for radium in the treatment of cancer, the Bureau of Mines looks upon this invention as another possible means of saving human life. It is estimated that these new methods will cut the cost of radium fully one-half and perhaps more. They are to be for the use of any citizen of the United States.

Still another engineer of the bureau, Alfred G. Hengen, in charge of oil investigations, has invented a new type of valve or control casting head for oil wells, a device that will at once shut off the flow of gas or oil in a well, and in that way stop the enormous waste of those resources that has been going on for years in the United States. The new valve has been tried in the Cushing oil field of Oklahoma, and has proved successful. It is said that in the past, it has been difficult to control many of the wells, and that millions of dollars worth of oil and gas have gone to waste. This new device, which, like the other patents, is to be dedicated to the public, is expected to stop much of this waste.

MONTVALE

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Montvale, Va., May 30.—Dr. and Mrs. P. C. Oney entertained in honor of the graduating class of the M. Vinogradoff emulating class of the Montvale High School on Tuesday evening. The guests of honor were Misses Nannie Connelley, Mary Louisa Oshinsky, Phoebe Elizabeth Alphin, Ada Rudisill Birge, Sallie Oney and Ernest Oscar Howard. Among their friends present were Professor Hermann Blankenship, principal of the Montvale High School, and R. A. Gilliam, cashier of the Bedford County Bank. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Matheson, of Rocky Mount, were week-end visitors at Wayside, the home of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Oney. Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Hall spent Tuesday at Bonoke. Mrs. Hyner and children, of Kentucky, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Oshinsky.

**HELD IN CONNECTION WITH
DISAPPEARANCE OF CHILD**

Father and Stepmother of Missing Nine-Year-Old Catherine Winters Arrested.

ROOMER IN HOUSE IN CUSTODY

Charge of Conspiracy to Commit Felony May Be Changed Later to Another Accusation.

Newcastle, Ind., May 30.—Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Winters, father and stepmother of Catherine Winters, aged nine, who disappeared from her home here more than a year ago, were arrested on their arrival here from Terre Haute to-day. They are charged with conspiracy to commit a felony. This makes three arrests in the case, W. H. Cooper, a former roomer in the Winters home, having been arrested late last night.

It was stated that the charge of conspiracy to commit a felony had been placed against the three, merely as a means of holding them, and that another charge might be preferred later.

The arrests followed assertions of police officers, who searched the Winters home, that they found, sealed in the basement wall, a red hat, a red undershirt and red sweater which had belonged to the missing child. The Winters, police officers declared, had holes in it which looked as if they were burned there, and the undershirt was stained as if by blood.

Cooper was a roomer at the Winters home at the time of the disappearance of the girl. He is twenty-eight years old.

SCHOOLS AT CHASE CITY**CLOSE LABORS FOR YEAR**

Interesting Exercises Are Held at Southside Institute and High School. Diplomas Are Awarded.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Chase City, May 30.—Chase City's two schools, Southside Institute and the high school, came to a close this week, after one of the most successful years in their history. The closing exercises of the Southside Institute began with the baccalaureate sermon by Rev. J. T. Watts, of Richmond, on Sunday morning, and culminated with the graduating exercises on Tuesday evening. On Monday night the annual recital by the voice, piano and expression classes was given at the town hall. On Tuesday morning, on the school campus, the class exercises were rendered, followed by the laying of the corner-stone for the new \$25,000 building. In the town hall on Tuesday evening, the exercises were given by the students, and the commencement address, his subject being "The Creative Power of Human Mind." Professor Hunter, the principal, delivered the address. The graduates, including several academic, Misses Allie Collier, Maymie Cagle, Allene Kimball, Bertha Evans, Ola Reynolds and Elizabeth McElrath; normal trainees, Misses Mary Foster and Bonnie Shuford; music, Misses Annie Copley and Rose Blankenship.

The Anna of the high school took place in the school auditorium on Thursday and Friday evenings. On Thursday evening the program was rendered by the Jefferson and Randolph Literary Societies, the features of most importance being the declamation and debating contests. In the former contest Miss Beatrice was declared winner, and with a few, well-chosen words, E. W. Higgins delivered the medal. The subject for the debate was "Resolved, That Congress should repeal the bill exempting American vessels from toll in passing through the Panama Canal." The affirmative was discussed by Robert Jeter, Ernest Swift upheld the negative. The judges rendered a decision in favor of the negative, and Ernest Swift was awarded the medal. On Friday evening every foot of seating and standing space in the auditorium was occupied by those anxious to witness the finals. The auditorium was rendered by John Brooks; class history, by Jeannette Hardy; class poem, by Marjorie Gregory; school prophecy, by George Henry; class prophecy, by Robert Melshelmer; will and testament, by Ernest Swift, and valedictory, by Dorothy Jaques. The address of the occasion was delivered by Rev. S. C. Hatcher, vice-president of Randolph-Macon College, at Ashland.

NORWOOD

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Norwood, Va., May 30.—Mrs. William Hawkins and children are now visiting Mrs. Taylor, of Bedford.

Mrs. J. E. Taylor after spending three weeks with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Roberts here, left for her home in Richmond on Friday.

C. L. Johnson is very ill at his home at Williamsburg.

Miss Bessie Dixon spent the week with Mrs. Frank Bolton, of Wingina.

Mr. and Mrs. Carrington Robertson and some, who have been the guests of Mrs. Hugh Robertson for a month, left for their home in Missouri on Saturday.

Misses Alice Callaway and Lila Bonarville left on Tuesday with a camping party for Crab Tree Falls. Dr. Putney is also with the party.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Ewers and children, of Kentucky, are here on a visit to Mr. Ewers' parents.

Misses Mary Eliza and Annie Spriggs left on Sunday for Glasgow, where they will make their home. They accompanied Miss Annie Nixey home.

W. J. Heath visited Scottsville on Tuesday.

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